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## Column One BY David Courtney

MR. Bevan has said some nice things about the kibbutzim. It was high time somebody said some nice things about the kibbutzim. They probably represent this country's only original social experiment; and when you think back on the days before the State you cannot help thinking that without the kibbutzim it would have been difficult to bring the State into being. They were the purified Zionists, ideal put into practice. They were the outcome of hardship voluntarily borne. They were the development of the ideal of creating an emancipated people through discipline and of winning personal freedom through self-imposed bonds. Until the State was founded the kibbutzim were the pride and the fervent hope of the Yishuv and many well-to-do families in this country, engaged in commerce or the professions, thought it right and proper to have a son or daughter in a kibbutz just as in some other countries well-to-do families used to make a point of having a son in a crack regiment.

THE State has made a difference. Statehood usually does. The sovereign people's new government thinks it is necessary to prove itself and to justify proud sovereignty by being as like other governments as possible. That is why in less than six years a mild-governed, remarkable if imitative, diligent, Israel has succeeded in becoming as badly governed as any other democratic development is not surprising, therefore, that Mr. Bevan, having run to earth the most attenuated experiment of the kibbutzim should have been delighted to find that whether it made him feel stimulated as a social archaeologist who has come upon a remarkable relic of a past civilization or as a social prophet confirmed in his vision of the future, Mr. Bevan did not say.

MR. Bevan, of course, is a Mr. Bevanite: his "off-the-record" utterances and wayside observations during his tour of Israel have left no doubt of that; and in some quarters this fact may have made his praise of the kibbutzim suspect. If so, it is a pity. Mr. Bevan is not a party politician with an axe to grind but as a labour leader of impressive acumen and experience, with an eye for the kibbutzim, a mind quick to analyze and a tongue quick to tell his deductions; and if he picked out the kibbutzim for special praise as a hopeful and economic experiment, it is a fair guess that he had good and intelligent cause to do so.

And at the very least, it is gratifying that the man who lately has got into the habit of talking about the kibbutzim as either a selfish anachronism or a minor monastic order tolerated in a social economic system to which it is foreign, might do worse than look into the matter and see if, in fact, the State would not be a good deal better off if the kibbutzim movement were expanded rather than restricted and if its principles and practices were applied over a wider range. One has only to look at the conduct of local and national government in Israel and at the old-fashioned urbanization of the country to realize that many of the European conditions out of which, in protest, the kibbutzim movement grew, are now thriving in Israel.

It is probable that the movement itself needs to be made more flexible. Statehood, after all, is different from the revolutionary circumstance which led to it; and the accomplished ideal is never the same as the ideal in the making. The movement should come out of its silks and take up the new challenge; and the State itself, if it can find a way to carry out the recommendations of what has been a long procession of experts from abroad, might study also the possibilities of experiments carried out by its own people in its own midst.

Jerusalem, January 18.

## Cartel Committee Hears Evidence

The Committee to Investigate Cartels and Monopolies heard evidence from representatives of makers of aluminium and enamel household utensils, and representatives of other gravel companies.

Members of the Committee are: Mr. Z. Sussanoff, Deputy Minister of Commerce and Industry; Chairman, Mr. A. Oran; Mr. A. Aronoff, of the Treasury; and Mr. E. Bell, of the Office of the Economic Adviser to the Government.

## Infiltrator Killed

In the week ending January 14, there were eight clashes between the Defence Forces and armed infiltrators. It was announced last night. One infiltrator was killed and one wounded, and one Israeli was wounded.

In the same period, there were seven cases of illegal grazing of cattle in Israel territory, and seven cases of illegal killing, mainly in no-man's land.

In two cases, sheep were transgressed. There were also thefts by infiltrators of cattle, irrigation pipes, agricultural equipment and other goods.

## 'Small Coalition' Without G.Z. Held Possible

Jerusalem Post Staff

TEL AVIV, Sunday. — The likelihood of a "small coalition" increased tonight when the Progressive Party's Board decided here to enter any coalition along the lines of the present Government. It is not one of its principles. The vote was 14-11. The majority decision was backed by Messrs. Idov Cohen and Israhel Harari, both M.K.'s, and by Mr. Moshe Kol. A proposal supported by the Minister of Justice, Mr. P. Rosen, to enter the Coalition even if it accepted the "four per cent clause" and to fight the clause within the Government, was defeated, 14-8.

The decision is taken to mean that the Progressives are prepared to enter a "small coalition." It is also understood that the Hapoel Hamizrabi are also ready to enter a "small coalition" if their demands are met.

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## Jerusalem Strike Ends; Commissioner Named

Jerusalem Post Reporter

The 25-day strike of Jerusalem Municipal employees ended last night when the City Council voted to accept the agreement drafted by representatives of the Municipality, the Workers' Committee and the Histadrut.

The Council approved the Government recommendation of Mr. Jacob Schreiberbaum, Assistant District Representative, as Commissioner for a four month period, to consolidate the city's income and to take charge of collecting taxes and debts owed the city. The appointment of a Commissioner was a requisite for Government financial aid of IL 375,000 to help pay salaries and cover the city's debts.

The wage agreement provides for the payment of December, 1953, salaries to all city employees by January 25, and for the payment of January salaries by February 12. Payment for February and March must be completed by the 17th of each subsequent month.

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## Big Four Talks to Alternate Between East, West Berlin

Jerusalem Post Diplomatic Correspondent

The Israel Ambassadors in Washington, London and Paris and the Minister in Moscow this week will present simultaneously to the Four Powers a memorandum on the claim for Reparations from Eastern Germany for discussion at the forthcoming four Power Foreign Ministers' Conference in Berlin.

It was learned yesterday that the memorandum has already been forwarded by the Foreign Ministry to its representatives abroad. The claim is based on the Note despatched to the Four Powers in March, 1953, in which the Government of Israel claimed that the reparations claim which eventually was successfully presented to West Germany, on that occasion, the U.S., Britain and France adopted a helpful attitude, following which Israel negotiated directly with West Germany.

The USSR failed to reply to the communication. Later it was elucidated in diplomatic conversations that the Soviet view was that such a claim was a matter between Israel and East Germany alone and must await the discussion of a peace treaty with Germany. Israel has refused consistently to accept this view and is now taking the occasion of the Berlin Conference to renew her claim.

E. German Attitude

The attitude of East Germany, the Jerusalem Post political correspondent writes, indicates the need to safeguard the reparations claim. Agreement with West Germany in the event of any change in the relations between East and West Germany, as a result of the Berlin Conference.

This safeguard is motivated by the repeated emphasis on the payment of reparations to Israel by East Germany and her declaration that in the event of the unification of Germany a condition would be made that all reparations agreements concluded with Israel would have to be cancelled.

The Government, it is understood, is also asking for representation at the Berlin Conference in order to watch its interests in the matter of Reparations.

Ali Suggests New Talks with Nehru

DAKKA, Pakistan, Sunday (Reuters). — Pakistan Prime Minister Mohammed Ali said here last night that he had suggested to Nehru that they should meet again to continue their discussions on Indo-Pakistan problems.

Speaking to reporters on his arrival in Dacca, the Minister gave no date for the proposed meeting.

US STEP DANGEROUS

TRIVANDRUM, India, Sunday (Reuters). — Chakravartty, Chief Minister of Madras and a top-ranking Congress leader who is on an election tour of Travancore and Cochin State, told an election meeting here that the state of affairs in India and Pakistan are reaching a "dangerous condition."

"Issues that have to be settled between Pakistan and India could have remained unclouded for a long time without much danger but for the interference of a great and powerful outside nation," he said.

"Whatever may be the reasons, whatever may be the causes, they have now taken a step which indicates grave danger to the world."

Sudan Opposition Raps Salem's Visit

KHARTOUM, Sunday (Reuters). — Pro-independence (Opposition) members of the Sudanese Parliament have protested to Britain and Egypt against the visit to the Sudan of Major Salah Salem, Egyptian Minister of National Guidance and Minister of State for Sudan Affairs.

They said that such visits are an open breach of the Sudan agreement, and spoke of a possible appeal to the United Nations.

Major Salem arrived in Khartoum last Wednesday accompanied by Major-General Abdul Hakim, Commander-in-Chief of Egyptian armed forces, to "congratulate the Sudanese Government on achieving independence."

Lebanon May Ship Citrus to USSR

The Lebanon is making great efforts to replace Israel as a supplier of citrus fruit to the U.S.S.R., ANA reports from Beirut. Negotiations have begun on the signing of a trade agreement aiming at the export to Russia of Lebanese citrus and other fruit against Russian wheat.

SHIMSHAKI EXPELS TWO

The Arab Revival Party in Syria, the party of President Adhbi Shamsi, has expelled two of its leading members. They are former Foreign Minister Safer Rifa'i and former Minister of Justice Munzer Ghannam.

## Accord is Reached After 10 Sitzings

BERLIN, Sunday (Reuters). — A Four-Power communique tonight announced that the four Foreign Ministers of the Big Four will meet alternately at the Allied control authority building in West Berlin and the Soviet Embassy in East Berlin in weekly rotation, beginning on January 13.

The Foreign Ministers would meet in the West Berlin building during the first week, in the Soviet Embassy during the second week, and in West Berlin again for the third week.

Thereafter, the place of the meetings will depend upon the course of the conference, the communique said. It added that experts had been nominated for the preparation of a number of technical arrangements.

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The communique was issued after 10 sittings between the four Commandants.

Throughout the communique referred to the Soviet Embassy as "the residence of the USSR High Commissioners in Germany," indicating the dual role of Soviet High Commissioner Vladimir Semenov, who is also Soviet Ambassador to East Germany. The ACA building was referred to throughout as "the building formerly used as the headquarters of the Allied Control Council."

This was understood to indicate that the Western powers are at pains to emphasize that their agreement to the Soviet Union was a made clear that it no longer regarded the ACA building as a "four-power building."

Prospects for Peace Brighter — Nixon

WASHINGTON, Sunday (Reuters). — President Richard Nixon told leaders of industry a dinner here last night that the prospects for peace are better than ever before.

He said that his recent world tour had convinced him that Communism is losing to the cause of peace "because the peoples want it not."

Mr. Nixon was speaking at a dinner attended by senior Administration officials, the Ambassadors of the 22 countries he visited, editors and Members of Congress.

France Need Not Fear Germany, General Says

PARIS, Sunday (Reuters). — France has nothing to fear from a rearméd Western Germany, according to General Marie-Emile Antoine Bethouart, former French High Commissioner in Austria.

Gen. Bethouart, who led the French 1st Corps from Meuse to the Danube in World War II, gives his views in a book as yet unpublished. Extracts appeared this week-end in "Le Petit Bleu des Cotes du Nord," a local Breton weekly, the political director of which is Defence Minister Rene Pleven.

Both world wars, according to the General, were largely due to the fact that Germany had increased population and France had fallen. Now, owing to Germany's World War II losses and France's rising birthrate, the position is reversed.

S. Korean Police Claim Spy Ring Smashed

PUSAN, Sunday (Reuters). — South Korean police today announced the arrest of 36 members of a North Korean spy ring who "plotted to kill high government officials and stage a large-scale riot." They were reported seized with printing machines and pamphlets.

The leader of the ring, a lieutenant-colonel of the North Korean army, had been among the 27,000 prisoners released last June after being classified as anti-Communist. On his release, he was appointed chief of the underground Communist Party of South Korea, the source added.

At Munson today, U.N. soldiers rehearsed "operation recovery" — the return to Allied Control of more than 22,000 prisoners who do not want to go home.

The operation is due to begin in earnest on January 24.

Iraq Urges League To 'Drive Out Jews'

IRAQ, Sunday (Reuters). — Iraq has submitted a memorandum to the Arab League urging the complete isolation of Israel from the rest of the Middle East as the only way of overcoming the difficulties facing the Arab world. "El Miar," Cairo daily reported yesterday.

The newspaper quotes Abdul Karim Qasbi, Iraq's Foreign Minister, as having stated that the Iraqi memorandum makes it clear that European-American common objectives are for the Arabs to unite militarily and drive out the Jews once and for all, the memorandum declares, although another ability is the tightening of the anti-Israel boycott to such an extent that Israel is completely isolated.

Moscow. Jordan Premier Fawzi Mulk told "El Miar" that the text of the second Jordan reply to the U.N. Secretary General was his request for direct peace talks with Israel would be sent off this week. It would be substantially the same as the first reply, but would be more direct.

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## US Diplomats Defend Service from Attacks

NEW YORK, Sunday (Reuter)—Five leading U.S. career diplomats, in a letter to "The New York Times" today, said that attacks on the American foreign service by "outside sources" are having "sinister results" and threatening national security.

The letter also said that the outside attacks are being reinforced by the present administrative group within the State Department.

"It is relevant to inquire," the letter continued, "whether we are not laying the foundations of a foreign service competent to serve a totalitarian government rather than the

Government of the U.S. as we have heretofore known it." The letter did not identify the "outside sources," but the most frequent and outspoken critics of State Department personnel have been Senator Joseph McCarthy.

Norman Armour, former Minister to Haiti and Canada, Ambassador to Chile, Argentina, Spain and Venezuela, and Assistant Secretary of State; Mr. Robert Bliss, former Minister to Sweden, Third Assistant Secretary of State and Ambassador to Argentina; Mr. Joseph Grew, former Under Secretary of State and Ambassador to Turkey and

Japan; Mr. William Phillips, former Ambassador to Belgium, Rome and India; Minister in Holland, Luxembourg, and Canada; Under-Secretary and Special Assistant to the Secretary of State, and Mr. Howland Shaw, Chairman of the Foreign Service Personnel Board of Examiners during World War II.

attacks which had questioned the loyalty and moral standards of foreign service personnel usually had had only "flimsy" justification. Nevertheless, these attacks have had adverse results," it added.

"The conclusion has become inescapable, for instance, that a foreign service officer who re-

ports on persons and events to the very best of his ability, and who makes recommendations which at the time he conscientiously believes to be in the interest of the U.S. may subsequently find his loyalty and integrity challenged and may even be forced out of the service and discredited forever as a private citizen after many

**McCarthy Most Unpopular  
Among Jews**

PRINCETON, NEW JERSEY, Sunday (INA). — A large proportion of Jews, as compared

think unfavourably of Senator McCarthy's work, according to the findings of a Gallup poll published yesterday.

Dr. George Gallup, director of the American Institute of Public Opinion, said that 71% of Jews polled expressed opposition to the Senator, 24% of Protestants

Overall findings revealed that Mr. McCarthy had gained in popularity since last August, "particularly among persons of the Catholic faith. (McCarthy is a Catholic).

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## THE session of the Kibbutz Artzi Executive (the Hashomer Hatzair faction of Mapam) which opened yesterday in Ein Shemer, has a large measure of interest throughout the country, and it is undoubtedly true that the new ideological debate within Mapam, and especially the leadership, may be of decisive importance for the future of that Party.

A group of "left-wing extremists" including such party stalwarts as Messrs. Rittin, Flapan and Peri are again revolting against the party leadership and their attempts to make an ideological synthesis of proletarianism, Zionism and Leninism-Stalinism obligatory for all members of Hashomer Hatzair. The adjective "left-wing" in this context is extremely misleading, to be sure. The minority, which dates back to before the Sneh split, is no more "left" than the Hashomer Hatzair majority, but they believe themselves to be greater experts in surmounting the wave of the future. They refused to join Dr. Sneh when he was excluded from Mapam one year ago — the obvious thing to do — as such a move was deemed a failure from the outset, as the subsequent misfortune of "Smol" (Dr. Sneh's group) have shown all too clearly. But Messrs. Rittin, Flapan and Peri have not given up their belief that a synthesis of Leninism-Stalinism and Zionism (even in the most "progressive" form) is impracticable and that a choice had to be made in favour of the former.

This stand of the Hashomer Hatzair minority has not, of course, been taken as the result of rational argument and inner conviction; it is the logical conclusion which they have drawn from the fact that the highest arbiters for the combatibility of Zionism and Leninism-Stalinism, who are not within Israel, have decided against such a combination, and like the right Brigade of Balaklava, theirs "is not to reason why." The issue, therefore, is not one of "left" and "right"; it is not a question of ideology, but of character, with the minority urging that the acceptance of international Communist discipline is the highest duty, and that this demands a stand against the national liberation movement of the Jewish people in view of the "higher interests" involved. The majority believes, or pretends to do so, that there is no real contradiction between the two. The minority does not appear to be very strong numerically; arguments and logic certainly are not on their side, but precedent is, and the stamp of "officialdom," and this cannot be taken lightly. They can argue that on many other issues, too, especially as far as international affairs are concerned, the Mapam majority has taken the line from abroad without voicing any criticism, and why should it reject the advice offered as far as Israel's affairs are concerned?

In view of this new crisis in Hashomer Hatzair it would appear that the recent decision by the Mapam Council to call off the coalition talks with Mapai was made by a technical majority, which in reality was a minority. The division was, it will be remembered, according to faction lines with Abud Avoda and Left Poale Zion (40% faction) voting in favour and Hashomer Hatzair against. However, a sizeable part of Hashomer Hatzair is reliably reported as having also favoured joining the coalition, and, together with Abud Avoda, this group probably would have commanded a comfortable majority. In view of factional discipline, however, Hashomer Hatzair voted against in toto, thus thwarting the initiative for a government on the broadest possible basis. As things stand, it must be taken that the negative decision of the Hashomer Hatzair leadership is motivated by internal factional considerations, and mainly by the Rittin-Flapan group. The present internal crisis of Mapam, therefore, would appear to be inevitable, at least as long as Hashomer Hatzair has not carried out its spring cleaning and has failed to evolve a clearer and less equivocal ideological analysis of the outstanding issues of our day.